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### SKELTON AND BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## REPORT

for the Year 1961

of the Medical Officer of Health

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#### TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

OF THE

#### SKELTON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1961, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with Circular 1/54 of the Ministry of Health.

I would like at the outset to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the heads of Departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. J. H. Rhodes, whose report follows mine, I owe an especial debt for his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

Finally I wish to thank the two clerical officers, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Miss D. E. Fox, who, working in the Area Health Office, have contributed materially to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

18th July, 1963.



TABLE 1

#### Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. T. M. (commenced		
Public Health Inspectors  Additional Public Health	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Inspector	Mr. E. Ward		Mr. W. Murray

<sup>\*</sup>Also Surveyor of the district concerned

#### County Public Health Staff attached to the Skelton and Brotton Area.

Miss M. Nuttall	Health Visitor
Miss J. A. F. Bauld	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Miss L. Sanders	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss A. Wardhaugh	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. G. E. Delap	District Nurse/Midwife
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Miss D. E. Fox	Clerk/Typist

#### Statistics of the Area

#### **Population**

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1961 is 13,200, as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1960 of 13,140.

#### General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

- 1. Area of the District in acres .... 15,419
- 2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books 4,258
- 3. Rateable Value .... .... £88,091
- 4. Sum represented by a penny rate .... £349

TABLE 2

#### Vital Statistics

			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	••••	***	138	126	264
Legitimate	• • • •	* * * *	131	119	250
Illegitimate	• • •	•••	7	7	14
Still Births	••••	••••	4	3	7
Legitimate	• • • •	••••	4	3	7
Illegitimate	••••	• • • •			

#### Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

				MALE	FEMALE
Total	••••	••••	• • • •	5	Mindelator
Legitimate		••••	• • • •	5	
Illegitimate	• • • •	••••	* * * *	0	

The number of births registered being 264 gives a corrected birth-rate of 20.4 per 1,000 of the population; compared to 17.4 for England and Wales. 5 infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 18.9 per 1,000 live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 21.6.

#### TABLE 3 — Vital Statistics

#### CAUSES OF DEATH

			MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	••••	* * * *		
Tuberculosis, other	• • • •	****		
Syphilitic disease	••••	••••		
Diphtheria	••••	* * * *		
Whooping Cough	* * * *	* * * *	*****	
Meningo-coccal infection	••••	• • • •		
Acute Poliomyelitis	••••	• • • •		
Measles	••••			
Other Infective and Parasiti	ic Diseases			
Malignant Neoplasm of Sto	mach	****	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm of Lui	ng, Bronch	us	4	
Malignant Neoplasm of Bre	east	• • • •		3
Malignant Neoplasm of Ute	erus	••••		1
Other Malignant and Lymp	hatic Neop	lasms	7	6
Leukaemia	****	****		1
Diabetes	••••	****		1
Vascular Lesions of the Ner	vous Syste	m	15	14
Coronary Disease, Angina	••••	••••	19	7
Hypertension with Heart D	isease	••••	1	3
Other Heart Diseases	• • • •	••••	15	10
Other Circulatory Diseases	••••	••••	4	2
Influenza	••••	••••	1	
Pneumonia	••••	***	5	3
Bronchitis	••••	***	4	4
Other Diseases of Respirato	ry System	****		
Ulcer of Stomach and Duoc	denum	• • • •		1
Gastro-enteritis and diarrho	ea	• • • •		
Nephritis and Nephrosis		•••	3	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	• • • •	••••	3	
Pregnancy, child-birth, abor	tion	• • • •		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Congenital malformations	••••	••••	1	
Other defined or ill-defined	diseases	****	5	1
Motor vehicle accidents	• • • •	• • • •	2	
All other accidents	• • • •	••••	6	
Suicide	••••		1	
Homicide and operations of	war			
ALL CAUSES			98	60

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 158 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 14.0 per 1,000 of population compared to 12.0 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1961

# (other than Tuberculosis)

	65—					<b>—</b>					-	1	
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		Scarlet Fever	Dysentery	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Erysipelas	Measles	Whooping Cough	Meningo-coccal Infection	Typhoid	Food Poisoning	Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	Encephalitis

#### Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases other than tuberculosis.

#### **Tuberculosis**

Two new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year and none of non-respiratory tuberculosis.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1961.

#### TABLE 5

#### Immunisation and Vaccination

#### Immunisation against Diphtheria

	Under 1	1 то 4	5 то 14	TOTAL
Completed	128	50		178
Reinforcing	_	23	100	123

#### Immunisation against Whooping Cough

0 то 4	5 то 14	TOTAL
145	1	146

#### Vaccination (Smallpox)

PRIMARY	RE-VACCINATION
139	6

#### Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Primary	Reinforcing
797	752

#### The General Provision of Health Services in the District

#### 1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

#### 2. National Health Service Act, 1946

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service Home Nursing
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care Health Visiting

Ambulance Service Midwifery

Vaccination and Immunization Care of Mothers and Young Children.

#### 3. Voluntary Care Committee

I would like to record the work done by this Body for the welfare of persons suffering from Tuberculosis and other illnesses. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Honorary Secretary, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough (Telephone: Guisborough 2521).

#### 4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

No procedure has been taken during the year.

#### SKELTON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

COUNCIL OFFICES,

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND

To the Chairman and Members of Skelton & Brotton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my fourth Annual Report to the Council for the year 1961.

My four years here have been dominated by the words "pan closets". These unsightly, unhealthy boxes of sewage have been a blot on the district for many years and I am pleased to record that 1961 saw the bulk of them abolished.

A small slum clearance programme of a hundred houses is now being tackled but there are many hundreds of houses in the area which are unworthy of expensive improvements and repairs. I hope the Council will not regard the present programme as the end of the problem but as the beginning.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their encouragement during the year, to all my colleagues for their co-operation, and to my clerk, Mrs. M. E. Simon.

Certain information in the report relating to Council housing, sewerage and improvement grants has been kindly provided by your Clerk and Surveyor.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. RHODES,

Public Health Inspector.

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

A summary of visits made is tabulated below:—

#### TABLE 6

		No. of
		Inspections
Dwellinghouses	• • • •	1436
Conversions		1056
Slaughterhouses		937
Factories		8
Food Premises	• • • •	49
Water Supplies	••••	104
Drainage and Sewer	age	47
Pests	••••	48
Infectious Diseases		13
Miscellaneous		131
TOTAL	• • • •	3829

#### WATER SUPPLY

With the exception of Charltons and some outlying farms and cottages water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Table 7 summarises the position as follows:

#### TABLE 7

Number of houses having mains supply in pipes inside	4173
Number of houses supplied by standpipes	40
Number of houses supplied by wells and springs	120

26 samples of water were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. Details are given in Table 8.

TABLE 8

		Re	sult
Area	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Skelton Green	 2	2	
Kilton	 3	2	1
Brotton	 3	3	
North Skelton	 2	2	
Skelton	 2	2	
Lingdale	 7	5	2
Charltons, Aysdalegate	 4	_	4
Carlin How	 3	2	1

#### SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

With the exception of outlying houses and farms and the village of Moorsholm, the district is served by public sewers discharging to the sea. Sewage disposal works owned by the Council receive the sewage from the village of Moorsholm. These works are inadequate and a scheme to provide a new sewage disposal works is under active consideration.

Some lengths of sewer damaged by mining subsidence need re-laying. Sewers laid and repaired during 1961 were:—

New sewers laid .... 6'' - 200 yards Old sewers re-laid .... 18'' - 100 yards

#### **CLOSET CONVERSIONS**

There were 91 pan-closets remaining in the built-up areas of the district at the end of the year. Most of these were in builders' hands, and the Council's programme for abolishing pan-closets will be virtually complete during 1962. Efforts are now being made to persuade owners of outlying houses and farms to instal water-closets where necessary.

#### TABLE 9

Number of conversions carried out under voluntary grant scheme	• • • •	• • • •	132
Number of conversions carried out by Council	••••	••••	65
Number of conversions carried out in connection with			
Improvement Grants and Standard Grants		****	47
Number of pan closets remaining	• • • •	• • • •	91

#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the district. Refuse disposal was by controlled tipping at the Brotton Tip throughout the year.

The time lost during the year in sickness amounted to 1857 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1962, the cost of the service was estimated at £7,510. Other details relating to this service were:—

Total mileage of vehicles	••••	••••	14,691
Loads of refuse collected and tipped	••••	••••	3,805
Approximate weight of refuse	••••	••••	7,610
Trade refuse collected—Loads		••••	14
Bins	• • • •	* * * *	1,672

#### **FACTORIES**

Tables 10 and 11 give details of factory inspection work carried out during the year.

## Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937 Part I of the Act

#### TABLE 10

#### 1. Inspections

	Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1.	Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced	22	2	_	
2.	Factories in which Section 7 is enforced	33	8	_	_
3.	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced	1	_	_	_
	TOTALS	56	10		

#### TABLE 11

#### 2. Cases where defects were found

Particulars		Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness	• • • •	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding	• • • •	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature	•••	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation	• • • •	0	0	0	0
Ineffective Drainage of Floors	• • • •	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences		ē			
(a) Insufficient	• • • •	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	* * * *	1	1	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	****	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act	• • • •	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	••••	1	1	0	0

#### Part VIII of the Act

#### Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

No outworkers were reported in the Urban District during the year.

#### HOUSING

Housing is, and will be for some considerable time, the main public health problem in the district. A large number of terrace houses, particularly in Boosbeck and Lingdale, are in poor condition and are not good enough to merit substantial improvements. The main effort is directed towards the patching-up of such properties for a further 10 or 15 years life, although we find it necessary to insist on new roofs being provided in many cases where the old slate roofs are unrepairable. However, no amount of repair can save houses which are worn out and some large-scale clearance schemes will need to be carried out within the next 10 to 20 years.

The Public Health Act, 1961 came into force on the 3rd October, 1961, and Section 26 of that Act enables local authorities to deal with urgent nuisances quickly; it provides a procedure which is a great improvement on the nuisance provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936, and we have made use of it on numerous occasions.

#### TABLE 12

#### Housing Appendix—Statistics

1.	Insp	ection of dwellinghouses during the year	
	1.	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	304
		(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1407
	2.	(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above)	
		which were inspected and recorded under the Housing	
		Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	0
		(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	0
	3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or	
		injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	102
	4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the	
		preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects	
		reasonably fit for human habitation	51
2.	Rem	nedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices	
	(1)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in	
	,	consequence of informal action by the local authority or	
		their officers	63

#### Housing Statistics—continued

3.	Actio	on under Statutory Powers during the year	
	A.	Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	
		(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	18
		(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of forma notices	1
		(a) By Owners	. 2
		(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	. 4
	B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	
		(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were	
		served requiring defects to be remedied	. 17
		(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	r
		(a) By Owners	. 6
		(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	. 1
	C.	Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 26, 27 and 28 of the Housing Ac	t, 1957
		(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	n . 3
		(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demo- lition Orders	<b>-</b> . 1
		(3) Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertaking or closing orders	3 . 7
		(4) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been rendered fit	e . —
		1055 D	4
4.		sing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding	
	(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	Not known
	(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	. 1
Im	prove	ement Grants	
		Number of Improvement Grants made	. 28
		Number of Improvement Grants refused	
		Number of Standard Grants made	. 19

#### Rent Act, 1957

27 visits were made to houses in connection with the Rent Act, 1957, and many enquiries were dealt with at the office.

#### TABLE 13

	of applications for			repair	3
	of Certificates of	-		• • • •	2
	of Undertakings	-		••••	
	of Applications f	or Certifi	icates as to	Remedying	
of De					tum#UP+
	of Certificates as t		• •		
	f Applications fo	or Cancel	lation of Ce	ertificates of	_
Disre	-	 Dianana		•••	6
	of Certificates of				4
Number C	of Refusals to car	ncer Ceri	incates of	Distepair	1
New Housing					
	of Council house	es erected	l during ve	ar	52
	of private houses				38
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Council Housing					
The Council own	n 583 houses and	d 5 shops	s as follows	:	
			Houses	Shops	
	Skelton	* * * *	173		
	Brotton	• • • •	270	5	
	Boosbeck		108		
	Lingdale		32		
	Total	••••	583	5	
D 1					
Re-housing					0.57
No. of far	nilies re-housed	during y	rear	•••	37
No. of ho	using applicants	as at 31	st Decemb	er, 1961	297
Analysis of Waiting	r Tist				
Analysis of Walting	Accommodat	ion	Nı	ımber of	
	Required			pplicants	
			·	98	
	Bungalows	* * * *	• • • •	90	
	Houses— Skelton			82	
		• • • •	* * * *	9	
	Lingdale Boosbeck	••••	• • • •	10	
	Brotton	• • • •	* * * *	27	
	Hollybush	• • • •		4	
	More than		ite	67	
	Tiloro triuri				
				297	

#### **FOOD**

#### General

There are 147 food premises in the area, and 83 of these are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The premises may be classified as follows:—

••••	• • • •	20
••••	••••	7
Clubs, 1	British	Legion,
••••	••••	10
• • • •	••••	15
General	Dealers	87
••••	••••	5
• • • •	••••	56
• • • •	••••	14
••••	••••	1
• • • •	••••	2
		Clubs, 1 British General Dealers

<sup>37</sup> visits were made to various food premises.

#### Milk

The Council is responsible for milk registrations as shown in Table 14, and for retail milk sampling.

#### TABLE 14

#### Milk Registrations

Number of Milk Distributors registered 12 Number of Dairy Premises registered 8

Samples of "Pasteurised" milks taken during the year were found to be satisfactory.

#### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are now four private slaughterhouses which are licensed by the Council, one slaughterhouse having closed during the year. Two slaughterhouses are being used for the slaughter of animals for sale outside the area in addition to local trade.

All the slaughterhouses were improved during the year, and at two premises substantial extensions were also made. These alterations were necessary in order to meet certain requirements of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and The Slaughterhouses (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958, which applied to slaughterhouses in this area as from the 1st July, 1961.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area showed another large increase—9,345 as compared with 5,904 in 1960 and 3,559 in 1959. Eight hundred and ninety-nine visits were made for meat inspection purposes including regular Sunday and evening visits. In addition, 38 visits were made to slaughterhouses outside the area under an arrangement made with Saltburn and Marske U.D.C. regarding relief meat inspection work. There are 17 licensed slaughtermen in the district.

TABLE 16

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	1					
	Cattle exclud-ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known) Number inspected	1677 1677	261 261	18 18	5727 5727	1662 1662	
All diseases except Tuber- culosis & Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	2	1		5	4	_
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	83	35		29	26	_
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	5.06%	13.79%		.59%	1.8%	
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned		1				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	_			22	_
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	<b>1</b> 0000000	.38%			1.32%	_
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	19	2	_			
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	19	2		_		_
Generalised and totally condemned						

#### Other Foods Condemned

		lbs.	ozs.
Lunch Tongues		 12	0
Jellied Veal	••••	 12	0
Pork Shoulder		 16	9
7	otal	 40	9

TABLE 17.—FRESH MEAT CONDEMNATIONS DURING 1961

TOTAL	Offal Ib Ib		417	25	4 445	146	18 66		37 37	301	240	32 466	92	89 —		303 847	94	420	301 2471
SDI	Carcase   1b										240		92		I		70	70	1
SHEEP	Offal Ib			I	2		∞			9		42			I				15
SE	Carcase	1	I	I			40										24		113
COWS	Offal Ib	1	İ	21		106		1	1	14		156	1	28		I			14
00	Carcase		45							61						544			
BEASTS	Offal 1b			4	439	40				20		236		40					75
BE/	Carcase	70	372							200								350	
Reason for	Condemnation	Actino Bacillosis	C. Bovis	Cirrhosis	Abscesses	Telangiectasis	Pneumonia	Hydronephrosis	Milk Spots	Bruising and Injuries	Erysipelas	Parasites	Septicaemia	Bacterial Necrosis	Contamination	Tuberculosis	Emaciation	Pyaemia	Miscellaneous

All food was voluntarily surrendered and, after being coloured with acid green dye, was mostly disposed of to the Council's refuse tip.

#### Adulteration

Sampling of food, etc. for this purpose is undertaken by the County Weights and Measures Office and the District Inspector has kindly supplied the following information regarding samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act in the Urban District during 1961.

Milk Samples .... 32
Foods other than milk 24

All the samples taken were reported to be genuine and no proceedings were instituted.

#### **CLEAN AIR**

No complaints of smoke nuisances were received during the year.

#### RODENT CONTROL

The Rodent Operator appointed jointly by Loftus U.D.C. and Skelton and Brotton U.D.C. has continued his duties in the two areas, and the arrangement has worked satisfactorily. The Council's sewers were treated twice, and only light infestations were found in a few areas. The Council's tips were kept under constant supervision and minor infestations dealt with on several occasions.

"Warfarin" has been used to treat all the infestations during 1961. This poison gives very good results and the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is followed.

Details of work done are set out below.

			Inspections	Treatments
Domestic Premises	• • • •		20	58
Business Premises	* * * *		6	8
Allotments	• • • •	• • • •	19	18
Farms	••••	••••	38	19
Council Tips and Buildings		* * * *	4	5
Sewers	••••	••••	40000000000	2

#### **DISINFESTATIONS**

Five infestations were dealt with.

#### **CARAVAN SITES**

There are eight licensed sites in the area, although four of these relate to individual caravans.

36 visits were made to sites during the year.

#### KNACKER'S YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed and periodical visits were made.





